

JANA VOBECKÁ

Curriculum vitae

1. Personal Details

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2. Higher Education

2.1. Postgraduate education

From 2006 - 2010 Université de Bourgogne and French National Institute of Agricultural Research (INRA), France, bi-nationally supervised doctoral studies (doctorat en cotutelle)
 From 2004 - 2010 Charles University in Prague, Faculty of Science, Czech Republic, Department of Demography
Doctor in Demography and Economics (*summa cum laude*, awarded prize for the best thesis)
Thesis Title: „*Spatial Population Dynamics in the Czech Republic, 1989-2007*“

2.2. Undergraduate education

1999 – 2004 Charles University in Prague, Czech Republic
Master in Demography & **Bachelor** in Demography and Sociology

3. Professional Experience

Oct. 17 – May 2018 **Consultant**, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), Geneva, Switzerland
Job focus: Design of a monitoring framework of regional population development goals.
 Since 2004 **Researcher**, Institute of Sociology of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic
Research Topics: spatial population dynamics; regional development policies; regional differences of social problems, and demographic behaviour; effects of suburbanisation on local governance.
 Apr. – Sept. 2017 **Senior Analyst**, Institut for Serviceudvikling, Odense, Denmark
Job focus: Analysis and dissemination of results, fundraising, searching for new partners.
 2014 – 2017 **Programme Manager**, International Centre for Interreligious Dialogue (KAICIID), Vienna, Austria
Job focus: Mapping and analysis of the world interreligious dialogue organisations, incl. research, project management, product promotion, supervision of ten assistants and subcontractors.
 Jan. – May 2013 **Researcher**, International Institute for Applied System Analysis (IIASA), Austria
Research Topic: Population policy analysis and report for UNFPA.
 2011 – 2013 **Junior Researcher**, Vienna Institute of Demography, Austrian Academy of Sciences, Junior Scientist
Research Topics: historical demography; educational structure and change; population policies.
 2009 - 2005, **Doctoral and research fellowships** at Centre d'Economie et Sociologie appliquées à l'Agriculture et aux Espaces Ruraux (UMR INRA-ENESAD), Dijon, France; stay of 15 months in total
 Sep. – Dec. 2004 Charles University in Prague, Faculty of Science, Czech Republic
Teaching assistant for Introduction to Statistics (BA level)

4. Prizes and Scholarships (selection)

2012 *Poster Session Winner 2012*. Annual Meeting of Population Association of America, USA, San Francisco, CA
 2011 *Prix Vouters*, award for the best thesis in Economics at Université de Bourgogne in Dijon in the academic year 2009-2010
 2011 Institute of Advanced Study at Collegium Budapest, junior fellowship, 5 months
 2006, 2005 French Government, Embassy of France in the Czech Republic; stipend for bi-nationally supervised doctoral studies (Doctorat en co-tutelle) and research fellowship

5. Language Skills

Czech (mother tongue), English (fluent), French (fluent), German (level B2), Danish (level A2), Slovak (good knowledge)

6. List of Publications

A. Books

Authored books:

1. **VOBECKÁ, J.** 2013. *Demographic Avant-Garde: Jews in Bohemia between the Enlightenment and the Shoah*. Budapest-New York: Central European University Press, 250 pp. (Abstract available [here](#).)

Reviewed in: European Journal of Population, Slavic Review, American Historical Review, Journal of Modern History, Czech Sociological Review, and Judaica Bohemiae

From the reviews:

"This is clearly a very important book ... a seminal, foundation text within both the canon of Central European historical demography, and that of Jewish populations as a whole. ... Basically, historical demography needs more work like Vobecká's book. More work which, through a careful reconstruction of past times, can help us to better understand how we have got where we are today. More work which informs a theoretical understanding of demographic change. More work which is brave in both temporal and spatial scope. More work that tries to explicitly speaks to contemporary demography. I wonder if, ultimately, this could be the biggest contribution of this book." - Stuart Basten, University of Oxford, UK for the *European Journal of Population*

"Demographic Avant-Garde... is an extremely stimulating contribution (that) illuminates a key demographic transition in an original and very well documented manner and simultaneously redraws the history of Bohemian Jewry with a finely delineated description of the manifold changes it underwent." - Shaul Stampfer, The Hebrew University, Jerusalem for *Czech Sociological Review*

"This is an ambitious study, covering a longer time span than many other works in historical demography, and it brings into the discussion a broader social and cultural context." – by Gary B. Cohen for *The American Historical Review*

"The book is written clearly and should be easily understood even by those who find a large number of figures, tables, and graphs challenging to absorb. It is an important study that should be of interest to historians, demographers, and other social scientists." – by Helena Heitlinger for *Slavic Review*

"Vobecká meticulously points out the different demographic trends within the Jewish population and compares them with the developments in other populations in Bohemia as well as with the Jewish populations in the other parts of the Hapsburg monarchy and later Czechoslovakia. ... Her explanation of the Jewish demographic avantgarde in the Bohemian lands is persuasive, and we should commend her for this scholarly achievement." – by Jan Láníček for *Journal of Modern History*

2. **VOBECKÁ, J.** 2007. *Populační vývoj Židů v Čechách v 19. a v první třetině 20. století: společenské a hospodářské souvislosti* [*Population Development of Jews in Bohemia in 19th and First Third of 20th Century: Economic and Social Context*]. Prague: Josefa Hlávka Institute of Public Economics, 149 pp.

Co-edited and co-authored books:

1. ČERMÁK, D., J. **VOBECKÁ** (eds.). 2011. *Spolupráce, partnerství a participace v místní veřejné správě: význam, praxe, příslib* [*Cooperation, partnership and participation in the local governance: importance, experience, challenge*]. Praha: SLON.
2. **VOBECKÁ, J.**, KOSTELECKÝ, T. (eds.) 2007. *Politické důsledky suburbanizace. Analýza případových studií proměn politického chování a občanské participace ve vybraných suburbánních lokalitách Prahy a Brna*. [Political consequences of suburbanisation. *Behaviour and Civic Participation in Selected Suburban Localities around Prague and Brno*]. Sociologické studie/ Sociological studies 07/08. Prague: Sociological Institute, Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic.

3. KOSTELECKÝ, T., **VOBECKÁ, J.** (eds.). 2005. *Regionální elity 2004 [Regional Elites 2004]*. Sociological Studies 05/03. Prague: Sociological Institute Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic.

B. Articles in Refereed Journals

1. **VOBECKÁ, J.** Forthcoming 2017. "Demographic Profile of Jews in Bohemia." *CEU Jewish Studies Yearbook*.
2. **VOBECKÁ, J.**, KOSTELECKÝ, T., LUX, M. 2014. Rental Housing for Young Households in the Czech Republic: Perceptions, Priorities, and Possible Solutions. *Czech Sociological Review* 50 (3), 365-390. (Available [here](#).)
3. **VOBECKÁ, J.**, PIGUET, V. 2012. "Fertility, natural growth and migration in the Czech Republic: an urban-suburban-rural gradient analysis of long-term trends and recent reversals". *Population, Space and Place* 18 (3): 225-240. (Available [here](#).)
4. **VOBECKÁ, J.** 2010. "Kam se Češi stěhují? Sociální a demografické charakteristiky residenční migrace" ["Where do Czechs Move? Social and Demographic Characteristics of Residential Migration"]. *Demografie* 52 (4): 117-125 (on CD).
5. **VOBECKÁ, J.** 2009. "Czech Rural Development Policies for Human Resources, post-2004: A Story of Muddled Definitions Preventing Strategic Visions?" *Central European Journal of Public Policy*, 3 (1): 44-64. (Available [here](#).)
6. KOSTELECKÝ, T., **VOBECKÁ, J.** 2009. "Housing Affordability in Czech Regions and Demographic Behaviour – Does Housing Affordability Impact Fertility?" *Czech Sociological Review* 45 (6): 1191-1214. (Available [here](#).)
7. **VOBECKÁ, J.** 2009. "Dojíždkový přístup k vymezení městského, příměstského a venkovského obyvatelstva v České republice" [A Commuting Approach to the Definition of Urban, Suburban and Rural Population in the Czech Republic]. *Demografie* 50 (1): 14-23.
8. KOSTELECKÝ, T., PATOČKOVÁ, V., **VOBECKÁ, J.** 2007. "Kraje v České republice – existují souvislosti mezi ekonomickým rozvojem, sociálním kapitálem a výkonem krajských vlád?" [Regions in the Czech Republic - Are There Connections between Economic Development, Social Capital and Government Performance?]. *Sociologický časopis* 43 (5): 911-944.
9. KOSTELECKÝ, T., ČERMÁK, D., **VOBECKÁ, J.** 2006. "Druhé volby do krajských zastupitelstev – Kontinuita nebo změna?" [Second Elections to Regional Councils – Continuity or Change?]. *European Electoral Studies* 1: 136-160.

C. Policy papers and reports

1. Lehmann, K., Brodeur, P., Vobecká, J. 2015. *The KAICIID Peace Map – An emerging tool for the understanding of interreligious dialogue internationally*. Boston University, CURA (Institute on Culture, Religion and International Affairs). (Full text available [here](#).)
2. Toth-Pickl, C., **Vobecká, J.** 2015. *Peace Mapping Programme. IRD Directory Report: Methodology and Data Collection*. KAICIID Dialogue Centre, Vienna, Austria, pp. 25. (Full text available [here](#).)
3. Kostecký, T., Patočková, V., Illner, M., **Vobecká, J.**, Čermák, D. 2014. "Prague Case Study Report." Pp. 131-178 in Widmer c. and Kübler, D. (eds.) *Regenerating Urban Neighbourhoods in Europe*. Aarau Centre for Democracy Studies, Working Paper Nr. 3
4. **Vobecká, J.**, B. Butz, G. Reyes. 2013. *Population Trends and Policies in the UNECE Region: Outcomes, Policies and Possibilities*. UNFPA and IIASA, pp. 138. (Full text available [here](#).)

5. Fuchs, M., Vanhuyse, P., Schmied, G., with Eisenbach-Stangl, I., Gasior, K., Hjortsberg, C., Hoffmann, F., Marin, B., Rodrigues R., Ruppe, G., Schmidt, A., and **Vobecká, J.** 2010. *Städteportraits: Analyse und Vergleich der Wohlfahrtssysteme ausgewählter europäischer Großstädte unter besonderer Berücksichtigung der aktuellen sozialen und ökonomischen Herausforderungen [City Portraits: Analysis and Comparison of Welfare Systems in Selected European Metropolises, with Special Emphasis on Social and Economic Challenges]*. Vienna City Hall: Wiener Sozialpolitische Schriften, Vol. 1.
6. **VOBECKÁ J.** et al. 2007. *Socio-prostorová diferenciace obyvatel Prahy [Social and Spatial Differentiation of Population in Prague]*. Prague: Research study for Prague City's Development Authority.

D. Chapters in Books which are not Conference Proceedings

1. KOSTELECKÝ, T., **VOBECKÁ, J.** 2017. Socio-Spatial Inequalities in the Czech Metropolitan Areas: The Case of Prague Metro. In Sellers, J.M. et al. *Inequality and Governance in the Metropolis: Place Equality Regimes and Fiscal Choices in Eleven Counties*: Palgrave Macmillan.
2. **VOBECKÁ, J.** 2014. "What Made Jews a Demographic Avant-Garde in Modern Europe?." Pp. 122-130 in Grim, B. J. et al. *Yearbook of International Religious Demography*: Leiden/ Boston: Brill.
3. Kostecký, T., Čermák, D., **Vobecká, J.** 2013. "The Political Ecology of Czech Metropolitan Areas – Is There a Post-Communist Metropolitan Model?" In Sellers, J. et al. *The Political Ecology of Metropolis*. Colchester: ECPR Press, 355-388. (Abstract available [here](#).)
4. BERNAD, J., **J. VOBECKÁ.** 2011. "Venkovské obce a jejich rozvojové příležitosti a deficity optikou sekundární analýzy" [Rural municipalities and their developmental potentials and deficits]. Pp. 128-185 in J. Bernard et al. *Samospráva venkovských obcí a místní rozvoj [Self-governance of the rural municipalities and local development]*. Praha: SLON. (Book abstract available [here](#).)
5. **VOBECKÁ, J.**, D. ČERMÁK. 2011. "Je koncept PPP šancí pro investiční akce obcí střední velikosti?" [Is a Public Private Partnership a chance for investment activities in the mid-sized municipalities?]. Pp. 148-157 in D. Čermák, J. Vobecká eds. *Spolupráce, partnerství a participace v místní veřejné správě: význam, praxe, příslib [Cooperation, Partnership and Participation in Local Public Administration: Meaning, Practice, Promise]*. Praha: SLON.
6. **VOBECKÁ, J.**, T. KOSTELECKÝ. 2011. "Charakteristika kraje Vysočina v kontextu ostatních krajů České republiky" [Charasteric features of the Vysočina Region in comparison with the other regions of the Czech Republic.]. Pp. 32-47 in V. Majerová, T. Kostecký, L. Sýkora. *Sociální kapitál a rozvoj regionu [Social Capital and Regional Development]*. Praha: GRADA.

7. **VOBECKÁ, J.**, BERNARD, J., ILLNER M. 2010. „Vnitřní potenciály rozvoje tří menších obcí: Verměřovice, Vražkov, Roztoky“ [Inner developmental potentials of three smaller municipalities: Verměřovice, Vražkov, Roztoky]. In J. Bernard (ed.). *Endogenní rozvojové potenciály malých obcí a místní samospráva* [Endogenous developmental potential of small municipalities and local governance]. Sociologické texty/Sociological Papers 10:1. Praha: Sociologický ústav AV ČR, v.v.i.
8. **VOBECKÁ, J.** 2009. “Demografická a socioekonomická dynamika obcí Blatná, Český Krumlov a Velké Meziříčí za posledních 20 let jako podmiňující faktor jejich rozvoje” [Demographic and socio-economic dynamics in Blatná, Český Krumlov and Velké Meziříčí as a factor of its development capacities in the last 20 years]. Pp. 13-23 in D. Čermák (ed.). *Aplikace principů partnerství a participace v prostředí malých měst České republiky* [Application of the principals of partnership and participation in the small towns in the Czech Republic]. Sociologické texty/Sociological Papers 09:6. Praha: Sociologický ústav AV ČR.
9. ŠPAČEK, O., **VOBECKÁ, J.** 2008. “Sociální koheze v prostorové diferenciaci” [Social cohesion in spatial differentiation]. Pp. 153-180 in M. Tuček (ed.). *Koheze v diferencující se společnosti* [Cohesion in a Differentiating Society]. Prague: Sociological Institute Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic.
10. KOSTELECKÝ, T., ILLNER M., **VOBECKÁ, J.** 2007. „Metropolitan Governance in the Czech Republic“. Pp. 235-258 in J-P Collin, M. Robertson (eds.). *Governing Metropolises: Profiles of Issues and Experiments on Four Continents*. Quebec: Presses de l'Université Laval.
11. **VOBECKÁ, J.** 2006. "Neúplné rodiny v České republice" [One-Parent Families in the Czech Republic]. Pp. 191-203 in D. Hamplová, P. Šalamounová, G. Šamanová (eds.). *Životní cyklus. Sociologické a demografické perspektivy* [Life Cycle. Sociological and Demographic Perspectives]. Prague: Sociological Institute Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic.
12. **VOBECKÁ, J.** 2005. "Sociodemografické charakteristiky regionálních elit" [Sociodemographic Characteristics of Regional Elites]. Pp. 15-27 in T. Kostecký, J. Vobecká. *Regionální elity 2004 [Regional Elites 2004]*. Sociological Studies 05/03. Prague: Sociological Institute Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic.

E. Book Reviews and Blogs

1. **VOBECKÁ, J.** 2013. “Demographic Avant-Garde: Social Demography Meets Jewish History.” OpenPop Blog <http://www.openpop.org/>.
2. **VOBECKÁ, J.** 2013. “Policy Paradigm Shift: The Need to Consider Human Capital and not Just Population Growth in Evaluating Population Trends.” OpenPop Blog <http://www.openpop.org/>.
3. **VOBECKÁ, J.** 2012. "Cladia Goldin and Lawrence F. Katz: The Race between Education and Technology". *Czech Sociological Review* 48 (3): 588-590. Book review.
4. **VOBECKÁ, J.** 2012. Atlas sociálně prostorové diferenciacie České Republiky [Atlas of socio-spatial differentiation of the Czech Republic]. *Demografie* 54 (1), 60-61. Book review.

E. Unpublished manuscripts

1. **VOBECKÁ, J.** 2013. “What determines residential migration destination?”
2. **VOBECKÁ, J.** 2010. *Spatial Dynamics of the Population in the Czech Republic, 1989-2007*. PhD Thesis of the Faculty of Science, Charles University in Prague and UMR INRA-AgroSup Dijon Université de Bourgogne in Dijon. Thesis directors: Ludmila Fialová and Bertrand Schmitt, p. 223.

F. International conference presentations

1. **Vobecká, J.**, Lehmann, K. 2014. Mapping of International Interreligious Organizations. Aims, Structure, and First Results of KAICIID Database. Dialogue beyond Dialogue conference, Vienna, November 10-12.
2. **Vobecká, J.**, Ebelová, I. 2014. Jewish Censuses in Bohemia from the 18th Century: A Rich Research Source on Family Structures and its Digitalisation. Eyropean Social Science History Conference, Vienna, April 23.-26.
3. Book launch and presentation: Demographic Avant-Garde: Jews in Bohemia between the Enlightenment and the Shoah
 - a. Prague, October 14, 2013
 - b. Budapest, October 22, 2013
 - c. Leuven, November 4, 2013
 - d. Vienna, November 13, 2013
 - e. Munich, October 13, 2014
 - f. Jerusalem, November 6, 2014
4. **Vobecká, J.** 2013. Forerunners of the Fertility Transition: Jews in Bohemia from the Enlightenment until the Interwar Times. World conference of International Union for the Scientific Study of Population, Busan, South Corea, August 27-31.
5. **Vobecká, J.** 2013. Forerunners of the Fertility Transition: Jews in Bohemia from the Enlightenment until the Interwar Times. Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, New Orleans, USA, April 10-14.
6. **Vobecká, J.** 2012. Jewish Migration in the Czech Lands between 1857 and 1930: Demographic Perspective. The Land in Between: Three Centuries of Jewish Migration to, from and across Moravia, 1648-1948. Olomouc, Czech Republic, November 18-20.
7. **Vobecká, J.**, V. Piguet. 2012. Internal migration after communism: spatial population dynamics in the Czech Republic, 1989-2007. European Population Conference 2012, Stockholm, June 13-16.
8. Sander, N., **J. Vobecká**. 2012. A Cross-National Comparison of the Spatial Structure of Internal Migration by Level of Educational Attainment. Population Association of America 2012 Annual Meeting, USA, San Francisco, May 3-5.
9. **Vobecká, J.** 2011. Demographic Avant-Garde: A Historical Demography Perspective on Jews in Bohemia. Vienna Institute of Demography ÖAW, Austria, December 7.
10. **Vobecká, J.** 2011. Spatial Dynamics of the Population in the Czech Republic, 1989-2007. Institute of Advanced Study at Collegium Budapest, Hungary, June 9. Invited talk.
11. **Vobecká, J.** 2011. Spatial Dynamics of the Population in the Czech Republic, 1989-2007. INRA-AgroSup, Dijon, France, January 6. Invited talk.
12. **Vobecká, J.** 2011. Spatial Dynamics of the Population in the Czech Republic, 1989-2007. INFOSTAT, Bratislava, Slovakia, January 27. Invited talk.
13. **Vobecká, J.** 2010. Changes and recent patterns in internal residential migration in the Czech Republic, 1989-2007. European Population Conference 2010, Vienna, September 1-4.
14. **Vobecká, J.** 2010. Where do Czechs Move? Social and Demographic Characteristics of Residential Migration. Czech Demographic Society, Brno, May 27-28 2010. (In Czech)
15. **Vobecká, J.** 2009. Devenir de la population de l'espace rural en République Tchèque. Conference Rural'Est- IERGZ, Warsaw, Poland, November 5-6 2009.
16. **Vobecká, J.**, T. Kostelecký. 2008. Municipal finance and social-spatial inequalities in the Czech metropolitan areas. ECPR 2008 Joint Session of Workshops: Workshop "Metropolitan governance and social inequality." Rennes, France, April 11-16 2008.
17. **Vobecká, J.** 2008. Do We Witness Depopulation in Rural Areas in the Czech Republic? Regional Science Association Annual International Conference, Prague, Czech Republic, May 27-29.
18. **Vobecká, J.** 2008. Rural Areas in the Czech Republic: For Whom are They Attractive? EURORURAL, Brno, Czech Republic, August 26-28.

19. **Vobecká, J.** 2007. Rural Areas in the Czech Republic: human potential and tools for its development. European Sociological Association Conference, Glasgow, September 4-6.
20. **Vobecká, J.** 2007. Countryside Population in the Czech Republic: Socio-demographic Characteristics. EUSOC, 4th International Doctoral Seminar in Social sciences, Telč, May 17-20.
21. Čermák, D., J. **Vobecká, J.** Stachová, 2006. Trust in Political Institutions and Its Regional Differences. IGU (International Geographical Union) GAPP Conference „New tasks, approaches and spatial perspectives in public policy“, Bratislava, October 18-22.
22. **Vobecká, J.** 2006. Population Development of Jews in Bohemia between the Years 1850 and 1939. European Population Conference 2006, Liverpool, June 21-24.

G. Reviews for journals and institutions

Population, Space, and Place; Sociologický časopis/ Czech Sociological Review; Judaica Bohemiae, Geografie; Grant Agency of Charles University in Prague; Grant Agency of Czech University of Life Sciences Prague